

# Consultation response pro-forma

## **Business Rates Retention Reform: sharing risk and reward, managing volatility and setting up the reformed system**

If you are responding to this consultation by email, please reply using this questionnaire pro-forma, which should be read alongside the consultation document.

You should save the pro-forma on your own device, from which you can complete the survey at your own pace, and submit by email when you are ready.

The questions are the same as the ones in the consultation document. You do not have to answer every question should you not wish to. The comment boxes will expand as you type, should you need more space.

Should you wish to attach further evidence or supporting information, you may attach and send this via email, along with the pro-forma.

**Consultation response pro-formas should be returned by email to:**

[BRRSystemDesign@communities.gov.uk](mailto:BRRSystemDesign@communities.gov.uk)

Alternatively, if you wish to respond in writing, the relevant contact details can be found on pages 6-7 of the main consultation document.

Thank you for taking the time to read the consultation document and respond.

### **Your Details (Required details are marked with an asterisk (\*))**

Full Name\*

Organisation\*

Address\*

Address 2

Town/City\*

Postcode\*

Country

Email address\*

Phone Number

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**Are the views expressed on this form an official response from a:**

Combined Authority

Fire and Rescue Authority

Greater London Authority

London Borough

Metropolitan District

Parish or Town Council

Shire County

Shire District

Unitary Authority

Local Authority Association or Special Interest Group

Other Local Authority Grouping

Local Authority Officer

Local Authority Councillor

Member of Parliament

Other Representative Group

Business

Business Organisation

Valuation Organisation

Voluntary Organisation

Member of the Public

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## The balance of risk and reward

### Question 1

Do you prefer a partial reset, a phased reset or a combination of the two?

Partial Reset

Phased Reset

Combination of Partial and Phased Resets

No comment

Other , please write in

*If other, please specify*

### Question 2

**Please comment on why you think a partial/ phased/combination reset is more desirable. If you support partial or combination reset what percentage of partiality do you favour?**

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## Question 3

**What is the optimal time period for your preferred reset type?**

3 years

5 years

6 years

9 years

10 years

Other , please write in

No comment

*Additional Comments*

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## Question 4

**Do you have any comment on the proposed approach to the safety net?**

No comment

*Additional comments*

## Question 5

**Do you agree with this approach to the reform of the levy?**

Agree

Disagree

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## Question 6

**If so, what do you consider to be an appropriate level at which to classify growth as 'extraordinary'?**

150% of BFL

200% of BFL

250% of BFL

Other , please write in

No comment

*Additional comments*

## Question 7

**What should the fall-back position be for the national tier split between counties and districts, should these authorities be unable to reach an agreement?**

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## Question 8

**Should a two-tier area be able to set their tier splits locally?**

Agree

Disagree

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## Question 9

**What fiscally neutral measures could be used to incentivise pooling within the reformed system?**

No comment

*Additional comments*

## **Simplifying the system and reducing volatility**

### Question 10

**On applying the criteria outlined in Annex C of the consultation document, are there any hereditaments which you believe should be listed in the central list?**

Yes

No

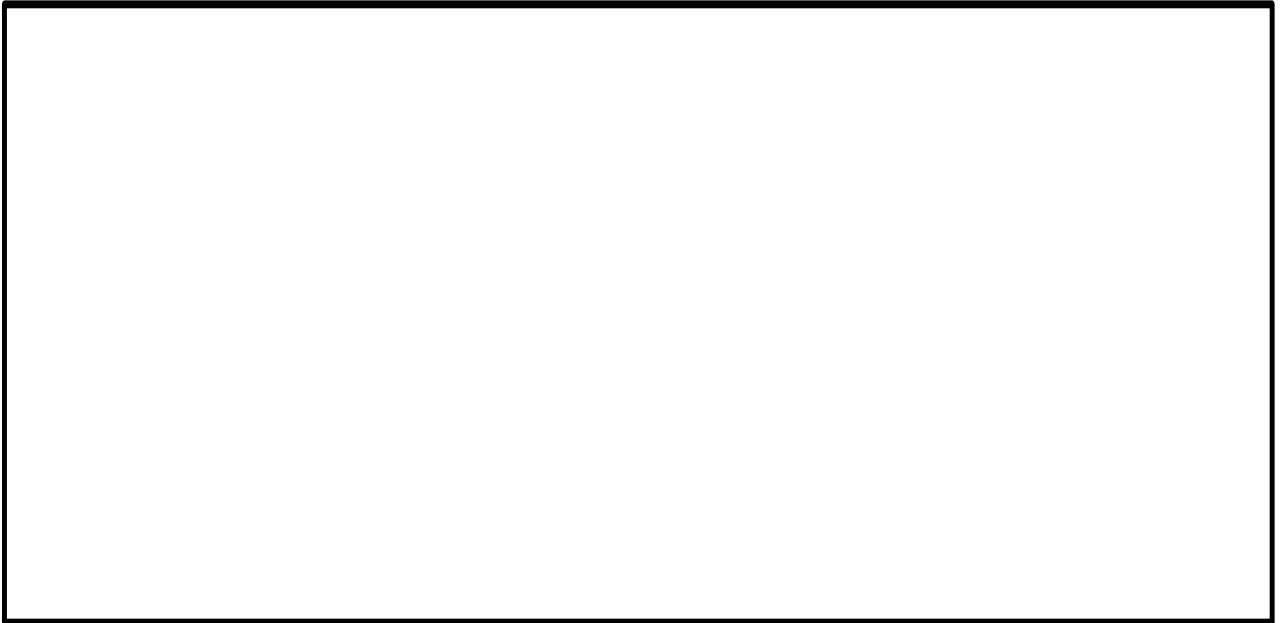
Don't know

*Please describe why this/ these hereditament(s) meet the criteria.*



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*Please identify these hereditaments by name and location.*

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### Question 11

**On applying the criteria outlined in Annex C, are there any listed in the central list which you believe should be listed in a local list? Please identify these hereditaments by name and location.**

Yes

No

Don't know

*Please describe why this/ these hereditament(s) meet the criteria.*

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## Question 12

**Do you agree that the use of a proxy provides an appropriate mechanism to calculate the compensation due to local authorities to losses resulting from valuation change?**

Agree

Disagree

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## Question 13

**Do you believe that the Government should implement the proposed reform to the administration of the business rates retention system? Please refer to Annex D**

Agree

Disagree

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## **Setting up the system**

### Question 14

**What are your views on the approach to resetting Business Rates Baselines?**

No comment

*Additional comments*

## **Equalities impacts of the proposals presented in this consultation paper**

### Question 15

**Do you have any comments at this stage on the potential impact of the proposals outlined in this consultation document on persons who share a protected characteristic? Please provide evidence to support your comments.**

No comment

*Additional comments*

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## **Data Protection**

*Please refer to Annex A in the consultation document.*

*Information provided in response to this application may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes – these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).*

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